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SUBJECT:ROC MIDSHIPMEN CRUISE TO GUAM

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ROC EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR, HENRY WANG, SOUGHT OUR VIEWS ON PROPOSED TRAINING CRUISE BY GRADUATING ROC NAVAL ACADEMY MIDSHIPMEN TO GUAM SOMETIME THIS JULY OR AUGUST. WANG NOTED THAT CRUISE WAS ANNUAL AFFAIR AND WOULD CONSIST OF D-D AND FRIGATE CARRYING TOTAL COMPLEMENT OF 700 MEN, INCLUDING 175 MIDSHIPMEN. SHIPS WOULD ALSO VISIT KOREA.

2. WE TOLD WANG THAT WHILE WE HAD NO PROBLEM IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE TRAINING VISIT TO GUAM, WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIMING. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE ROC TO SCHEDULE VISIT TO AVOID CONFLICT OR ANY IDENTIFICATION WITH GUAM'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. WANG THOUGHT THIS COULD BE ARRANGED AND PROMISED TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL DETAILS BEFORE LONG.

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